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SUBJ: INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS CONTINUE

SUMMARY. MOST RECENT MANIFESTATIONS OF EFFORT BY PERU AND NEIGHBORS TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE WORLD THAT RELATIONS ARE CLOSE AND CORDIAL ARE: CHILEAN JUNTA MEMBER'S ANNOUNCEMENT IN AREQUIPA THAT PRESIDENT'S MORALES BERMUDEZ AND PINOCHET WILL MEET THIS YEAR; GUARDIA CIVIL DIRECTOR'S VISIT TO CHILE; BRAZILIAN ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF'S VISIT TO PERU; AND PRIME MINISTER ARBULU'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE PLANS TO VISIT ARGENTINA IN MAY. END SUMMARY.

1. CAPITALIZING ON MOMENTUM OF THE BRIEF BUT PUBLICLY-ACCLAIMED MEETING OF THE CHILE-PERU MIXED COMMISSION FOR COOPERATION IN LIMA, GOC JUNTA MEMBER ADMIRAL JOSE TORIBIO MERINO ANNOUNCED DURING THE AREQUIPA LEG OF HIS RECENT VISIT TO PERU (AS GUEST OF NAVY MINISTER PARODI) THAT PRESIDENT AUGUSTO PINOCHET WILL HOLD A SUMMIT MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MORALES
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BERMUDEZ. THE DATE AND PLACE OF THE SUMMIT WILL BE AGREED UPON BY THE RESPECTIVE FOREIGN MINISTRIES. IN A GESTURE OF COMARADERIE WITH THE PERUVIAN ARMED FORCES, MERINO LAID A WREATH AT THE MONUMENT TO PERU'S WAR OF THE PACIFIC NAVAL HERO (SUNK BY THE CHILEAN NAVY) AND CONFIRMED PLANS OF CHILEAN AND PERUVIAN NAVIES TO HOLD JOINT MANEUVERS THIS YEAR. HE MADE NO MENTION OF U.S. PARTICIPATION.

2. CURRENT LIMA DAILIES ARE ALSO GIVING COVERAGE TO THE SIX-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO CHILE OF PERUVIAN GUARDIA CIVIL DIRECTOR GENERAL LT. GEN. GC GASTON ZAPATA DE LA FLOR, AS THE GUEST OF GOC JUNTA MEMBER AND DIRECTOR OF CARABINEROS (UNIFORMED POLICE) GEN. CESAR MENDOZA DURAN. LT. GEN. ZAPATA IS PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CREATION OF THE CHILEAN UNIFORMED POLICE AND IS EXPECTED TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT PINOCHET.

3. IN FURTHER DISPLAY OF THIS SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AMONG HEMISPHERIC NEIGHBORS, BRAZILIAN ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF GEN. FRITZ AZEVEDO MANZO ARRIVED IN LIMA THIS WEEK FOR A SIX-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT AS THE GUEST OF THE PERUVIAN ARMY, AND LIMA PRESS OF APRIL 27 ANNOUNCED CONFIRMATION OF PLANS FOR THE VISIT OF GOP PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF WAR GEN. GUILLERMO ARBULU GALLIANI TO ARGENTINA IN MAY. THE ARBULU JAUNT IS SAID TO RECIPROCATATE THE RECENT VISIT TO PERU BY ARGENTINE CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL ROBERTO VIOLA.

4. PERU AND ITS NEIGHBORS APPEAR TO HAVE REACHED THE SATURATION POINT AS FAR AS RECIPROCAL HIGH-LEVEL VISITS ARE CONCERNED. RECENT REGIONAL CAMARADERIE NOTWITHSTANDING, SOME OBSERVERS MAY FEEL THAT PERU'S ACTIONS (CONTINUED ARMS PURCHASES) STILL SPEAK LOUDER THAN THE GOP'S WORDS. MOREOVER THE EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY ON THESE EXCHANGES COULD HAVE AN UNEXPECTED NEGATIVE EFFECT IN CREATING THE IMPRESSION AT HOME THAT PERU'S MILITARY LEADERS ARE SPENDING TOO MUCH TIME WITH VISITS AND VISITORS WHILE PERU FACES SUCH SERIOUS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.
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